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SUBJECT- GHANAIAAN REQUEST FOR WHEAT SEED

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM GHANA EMBASSY (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED): "EMBASSY OF GHANA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS HONOR REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH FOLLOWING MATTER :

"GHANA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS DECIDED ENCOURAGE LARGE-SCALE CULTIVATION OF WHEAT IN GHANA AND TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE, HAS BEEN MULTIPLYING WHEAT SEEDS OBTAINED FROM NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING MEXICO, THE NETHERLANDS AND NIGERIA.

"UNFORTUNATELY, QUANTITIES RECEIVED FROM THESE SOURCES ARE VERY SMALL, USUALLY ONLY HANDFUL AT TIME AND THIS HAS CONSIDERABLY SLOWED DOWN RATE AT WHICH MINISTRY WOULD LIKE PROPAGATION PROCEED. MINISTRY IS CONCERNED THAT IF PROJECT CONTINUES AT PRESENT PACE, IT WILL TAKE LONG TIME BEFORE LARGE QUANTITIES WHEAT SEEDS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GHANAIAAN FARMERS.

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"IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED CONTACT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN FROM APPROPRIATE
INSTITUTION LARGE QUANTITIES WHEAT SEEDS TO BE MULTIPLIED
BY GHANA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

"EMBASSY WILL THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF STATE DEPARTMENT
WILL REFER ABOVE REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE US GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR KIND AND FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION."

2. REQUEST EMBASSY OR AID MISSION CONTACT MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION
CONCERNING TYPES AND QUANTITY SEEDS DESIRED. DEPARTMENT
AND AID WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON RESPONSE
TO BE MADE TO GHANA EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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